



## Competition Law Association

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(International League for Competition Law)



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Dear Member

### **Lunchtime Webinar: Thursday 1 December 2022 at 1:00 pm (CET) / 12:00 pm (UK)**

The LIDC will be holding a joint lunchtime webinar with the CLA on **Thursday 1 December** at 1:00 pm (CET) / midday (UK).

**Stijn Huijts** has kindly agreed to speak on the following subject:

### **“Exclusive dealing after Intel, Qualcomm and Google (Android) - a farewell to formalistic analysis?”**

*The session will be moderated by Sophie Lawrance, Bristows LLP.*

*Stijn Huijts will discuss the recent General Court judgments in Intel, Qualcomm and Google (Android) and focus on two interesting parallels. Not only did the Court set aside the European Commission’s formalistic approach to exclusive dealing in these cases, it also criticised the Commission’s procedure, even going as far as saying that the procedural errors were sufficient for annulment of the entire decision in the Qualcomm case. Sophie and Stijn will discuss whether we have seen a permanent shift away from a formalistic approach to exclusive dealing, and whether the Commission’s errors on the substance are in part linked to the procedural errors identified in these cases.*

**Stijn Huijts** is a Partner at Geradin Partners. Before joining the firm, Stijn was Legal Director at the UK’s Competition and Markets Authority (CMA).

Stijn has significant experience in abuse of dominance cases, leading the legal teams in the *Hydrocortisone* and *Fludrocortisone* cases, as well as acting both on the defence side and the complainant side in private practice. Stijn also led on the CMA’s defence in procedural issues, including in the High Court and Court of Appeal in the first ever challenge against a judicial warrant to enter business premises.

Stijn also led the CMA’s legal preparations for Brexit, advising the UK Government on the legislation and guidance required to prepare the UK’s competition regime for Brexit. In addition, he represented the UK in its final competition intervention in the EU Courts in Case T-399/16 CK Telecoms v Commission.

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**Sophie Lawrance** is a Partner at Bristows LLP. Sophie specialises in EU and UK competition law and litigation. She has a particular interest in working with businesses in the technology and pharmaceutical sectors, and in relation to the competition issues that arise in connection with standardised technology. Her practice spans all competition issues but has a particular focus on litigation and investigations.

Sophie handles competition authority investigations at both EU and national level, including dawn raid situations. A recent focus has been on CMA investigations into the UK generics sector. Issues on which she has advised in this context include both substantive competition law and procedural issues, such as legal professional privilege, as well as dealing with competition director disqualification cases which are now a focus for the UK competition regulator.

To register for this event:

**CLA members:** please register via the 'New Events' section of the CLA website.

**LIDC members:** please register via the LIDC secretary (info@ligue.org).

An online link to join the webinar will be circulated via email to all those who have registered. The webinar will be conducted in English.

**Note:** if you would like to direct any questions to the speaker, please send them in advance via email and by no later than Monday 28 November to the CLA secretary (admin@competitionlawassociation.org).

Registration will close midday Wednesday 30 November.

With kind regards

**Nathalie Lobel-Lastmann**  
General Secretary of the LIDC  
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